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# *THE BANK TO OPEN TONIGHT*

**Anchorage Daily Times and Cook Inlet Pioneer**
**July 21, 1916.**

*Anchorage is to be treated to an innovation. This city will witness the opening tonight, of The Bank, which is the culmination of a novel idea; the place where you may stand at the bar with your foot on a brass foot rest and watch your reflection in the glass behind the bar without getting drunk and without anything intoxicating to drink; although there will be a big broad-stomached mixer wearing the fabled suit of white and customary shiner, serving your drink, of cool, refreshing lemonade or something equally invigorating and refreshing.*

*Messrs. Reed and Dahl, proprietors of this new place where you can and you can't, where you are and your are not, where you have all the advantages without the remorse of conscience or wobbly feeling, have spent in the neighborhood of $4,000 on this place which will be opened to the public tonight under the name of The Bank.*

*The Bank is situated on the south side of 4th avenue between C and D streets on a 25 foot lot which the proprietors have secured a term lease from Geo. M. Campbell.*

*The management will cater to the best trade and endeavor to please all comers with soft drinks of all kinds, cigars, tobaccos and lunches.*

*In addition, special attention will be paid to bridge and solo tables and they expect to make the place a resort that will be a pleasure to enter and spend the time.*

*Checks for card games will be cashed in merchandise and the lunch counter of sandwiches and light lunches will add materially to the attraction of The Bank.*

*The building is 25 by 90 feet and the place will be run on the same plan as similar places in Seattle and Portland where Messrs. Reed and Dahl were formerly engaged in business.*

A search of the LoC does not find "Reed and Dahl" in Washington or Oregon.

**Anchorage Daily Times and Cook Inlet Pioneer**
**December 1, 1916.**
*The jury in the case of the territory vs. Mark Dahl was selected this morning and Judge David adjourned court until 1 o'clock. The case had not gone to the jury at the time of going to press. Attorneys Murphy and Rigner appeared for the defense and J.L. Waller has been retained to assist the prosecution.*

**Anchorage Daily Times and Cook Inlet Pioneer**
**December 2, 1916.**
*Several of the defendants arrested in connection with the alleged gambling cases that are on the docket for next week have retained Attorney L.V. Ray, of Seward, to defend them. Attorney Ray will leave Seward next Monday and should reach Anchorage Wednesday.*

**Anchorage Daily Times and Cook Inlet Pioneer**
**December 2, 1916.**
***JURY RETURNS GUILTY VERDICT AGAINST DAHL***

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# EDITOR'S COMMENTS

I have always been skeptical concerning the attribution of mavericks. See page 126 for my thoughts on The Bank.

The LoC changed their search, so it is a pain to use. So I dug into my files and found information about the McCloskey's of Juneau. And when a neat dirigible medal appeared on eBay, I bit the bullet and dug up some information on the LoC that I found interesting.

When I read a book on Alaska and Yukon, I make notes, or photocopy pages, that might be of interest. See pages 130 and 132.

eBay is shaping up to be a busy month, with some common tokens bringing uncommon prices. A Dyea token from a seller in Australia was the star. We don't usually cover Alaska gold tokens, but made an exception.

In the last issue of the year, we like to thank those of you have contributed information. In order of appearance, our thanks go to: J.D. Williams, Tom Morphet, Scott Bradford, Kaye Dethridge, Thom "Swanny" Swan, Clifford Mishler and David Reamer. I apologize if I missed anyone.

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# PRICES REALIZED

Selected prices realized from eBay:

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|---|---|
| **Anchorage,** The Canteen, 12½¢, B-10a | 21.05 |
| **Anchorage,** The Canteen, 12½¢, B-10a restrike | 17.39 |
| **Chatanika,** Bingle Fritz, 50¢, B-2b | 94.82 |
| **Dyea,** W.A. & H., no denomination, B-4a | 768.24 |
| **Excursion Inlet,** A&PSSCo., 25¢, B-1c | 57.00 |
| **Gambell,** Reindeer Comm. Co., 50¢, B-1e | 10.50 |
| **Juneau,** Alaskan Hotel Bar, 12½¢, B-2b | 62.00 |
| **Ketchikan,** Lucky Spot, 10¢, B-32b | `12.50 |
| **McCarthy,** Golden Hotel, 12½¢, B-2b | 15.50 |
| **Noorvik,** Co-Op Store, 25¢, B-1c | 7.89 |
| **(Palmer),** A.R.R.C., 1¢, B-1a | 375.00 |
| **(Palmer),** A.R.R.C., 5¢, B-1b | 333.00 |
| **(Palmer),** A.R.R.C., 10¢, B-1c | 139.02 |
| **(Palmer),** A.R.R.C., 10¢, B-1c | 145.50 |
| **(Palmer),** A.R.R.C., 25¢, B-1d | 356.27 |
| **(Palmer),** A.R.R.C., 50¢, B-1e | 718.00 |
| **(Palmer),** A.R.R.C., $1, B-1f | 698.00 |
| **(Palmer),** A.R.R.C., $5, B-1g | 432.00 |
| **(Palmer),** A.R.R.C., $10, B-1h | 517.99 |
| **(Palmer),** A.R.R.C., Commissary punch card | 187.50 |
| **Savoonga,** Reindeer Comm. Co., 1¢, B-1a | 12.95OB |
| **Sitka,** Baranof Bus, One Fare, B-T2a | 9.99OB |
| **Skagway,** McCreedy & Elliott, $10, B-1g | 36.09 |
| **Skagway,** Mascot, 12½¢, B-17c | 43.00 |
| **Skagway,** Mascot, 12½¢, B-17c | 25.00 |
| **Teller,** Monogram, 1 drink or cigar, B-1a | 191.58 |
| **Wacker,** Wacker Trans., Fare, B-T3aI | 12.00 |
| **¼ Pinch,** 1901, round, NGC-66 | 1313.00 |
| **One Pinch,** 1898, octagonal, NGC-65 | 910.00 |
| **Parka Head Gold,** 1/4, NGC-65 | 918.00 |
| **Parka Head Gold,** 1/2, NGC-65 | 755.00 |
| **Parka Head Gold,** 1, NGC-64 | 911.00 |
| **Mishler AK/HI,** oxidized nickel-silver | 214.50 |
| **Mishler AK/HI,** oxidized nickel-silver | 236.50 |
| **Mishler AK/HI,** aluminum | 317.69 |

OB =Opening Bid; NB = No Bid; RL = relist; R = Reserve; RNM = Reserve Not Met; W = withdrawn BIN = Buy it now; BOA = Best Offer Accepted; DNS = Did Not Sell; SUP = sold, unknown price. FTR = see For the Record.

# PRICES REALIZED - OCT. 18 AUCTION

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|---|---|
| 262 Chatanika token | 80 |
| 263 Ketchikan token | 55 |
| 264 Selavik token | 65 |
| 265 Seward token | 55 |
| 266 (5) Alaska tokens | 78 |
| 267 AK Purchase medal set | 290 |
| 268 Tanana Chiefs medal | 100 |
| 269 Tanana Valley Clinic 2 oz. silver | 250 |
| 270 FDNM silver | 1,500 |
| 271 Dept of Commerce gold medal | 3,500 |
| 272 Ivory Cribbage board | 402 |
| 273 Alaska paper ephemera | 150 |

# *THE BANK, CONT.*

*The selection of the jury yesterday to sit in the trial of the territory vs. Dahl was amusing to the many spectators present. Attorneys Murphy and Munley acted as end men with Judge Leopold David as the interlocutor. Several jurymen were summoned who had sat on the Sapp jury but with the exception of T.D. Corlew, were excused by the judge. The attorneys fought hard for their jury and bandied words that occasionally dwelt on the personal, and sometimes to the credit or discredit of the impartial juryman. Usually men do not care to sit on a jury, especially one of this nature that has caused so much excitement and received so much publicity. They seem to like it here, however, and rather insisted on the honor. In due course of time the jury was selected and the bets were all on one; there was no Dahl money in sight...*

*The defense introduced Jailer Ralph Reed, who testified to the effect that he searched seven men the night of the raid and took a total of $16.90 from them.*

*J.H. Smith acted as foreman of the jury that turned in their verdict after a hour's serious deliberation.*

*Judge David announced at the opening of court this morning that he would sentence Dahl according to the finding of the jury at 1 o'clock this afternoon*

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*Later - At the convening of court this afternoon Judge David sentenced Mark Dahl the limit for guilt in the gambling cases - $500 and costs.*

**Anchorage Daily Times and Cook Inlet Pioneer**
**December 12, 1916.**
***CASE ATTRACTS MUCH ATTENTION***
*Attorney L.V. Ray should hire a hall. With all due respect to local talent, it is undeniably Attorney Ray who is drawing the crowd that fills the Moose hall almost to suffocation to hear the much-talked-of and much advertised gambling cases that are now being tried with Judge Leopold David in the position of the just judge.*

*The jury in the case of the territory vs. Reed and Dahl on the charge of running a gaming house was impaneled and sworn in late yesterday afternoon and owing to the lateness of the hour there was no evidence taken and the judge postponed the case until this morning at 10 o'clock.*

**Anchorage Daily Times and Cook Inlet Pioneer**
**December 13, 1916.**
***TRIAL JURY FAILS TO AGREE***
*How would you like to be a juror, sans blankets, sans comforts? The jury in the case of he territory vs. Reed & Dahl was discharged this morning by Judge Leopold David after deliberating from 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Naturally in a case of this kind that has caused so much public comment, different rumors have come to The Times office of how the jury stood, but nothing reliable, except the fact that the twelve men chosen disagreed and the answer was no verdict.*

*Chas. Young was chosen foreman of the jury and the case will be tried again.*

**Anchorage Daily Times and Cook Inlet Pioneer**
**December 14, 1916.**

*Attorney L.V. Ray left for Seward at 2 o'clock this morning via dog team, George Arnsot driving. Mr. Ray was called by the defense in the case of the territory vs. Reed & Dahl, which trial resulted in a hung jury. He was present yesterday afternoon at a conference with the district attorney, commissioner and townsite officials, that resulted in the dismissal of the gambling cases that were pending trial.*

**Anchorage Daily Times and Cook Inlet Pioneer**
**January 4, 1917.**
(from the Seward Post)
***GAMBLING CASES DISMISSED AFTER JURY DISAGREES***
*Attorney L.V. Ray, who returned from Anchorage Monday night, states that all of the cases pending against men at Anchorage on the charge of gambling were dismissed after the jury disagreed in the case of Reed and Dahl.*

*Owing to the fact that all property where gambling is conducted is liable to be declared forfeited by the government, the owners, who had been arrested retained Ray to defend them.*

*"The entire matter was nothing more or less than a controversy between the department of the interior and department of justice," said Ray. "It is difficult to prevent gambling between individuals and people rather resent orders prohibiting them from shaking dice for a cigar. If we are to live under a blue law regime it would*

## *THE BANK, CONT.*

*also be necessary to stop pool games and bowling where the loser pays.*

*"I found that there are several professional gamblers in Anchorage. It is a notorious fact that a gambler will quit when ordered. In this instance it seems that the former deputy marshal relegated too many duties to his subordinates and did not see that his orders were carried out. The department of the interior instead of keeping after the department of justice for results employed its own special agents.*

*"These stool pigeons secured the evidence on which arrests were made. The jury disagreed after hearing their evidence in the case of Reed and Dahl. I assured the officials that a disagreement might be expected in future cases, at the same time pointing out that the arrests had produced the desired effect; to wit, the professional gamblers agreed to quit. So rather than go to trial at added expense the cases were dismissed."*

*Ray stated that he had aroused the ire of officials of the land department of the railroad by scoring them for arresting men for gambling after their own gamble in selling lots there on guarantee of making it a harbor. He also scored them for going too far in their efforts to regulate the personal and private conduct of residents in their town. The trial was held in Moose hall and several hundred people heard the arguments in the case.*

# TELLER COMM. CO.

Since the Norge (see page 131) landed in Teller, we thought it would be appropriate to look at the tokens of the Teller Commercial Co., who was operating in Teller at the time of the Norge's arrival.

It is obvious from the two varieties of the 5¢ tokens that at least two orders for tokens were made. All the 5¢ that we have are (B-3aI) AU/BU. The 25¢ tokens are all AU, except for one well worn example. The 50¢ tokens are both AU and well used. The $1 tokens are all very well worn or damaged.

From our small sampling, it looks like second orders were made for all but the $1 token. The "second order" tokens of the 25¢ and 50¢ appear to be from the same dies as the first. Or perhaps they these "AU" tokens were held back and not used until the others wore out.

# BANK ATTRIBUTION

It takes some pretty solid evidence to get me to the 100% mark on a maverick token . The Bank almost makes it.

J.D. Williams has done some extensive research trying to find Reed and Dahl in business in Washington and Oregon, as indicated in the articles in the newspapers. He came up dry.

Photos of the token makes it look like the token had had extensive circulation, something that would not happen in the short tenure of the business - about six months. Upon examining the token, the wear is minimal. There does appear to be an attempted puncture, an incomplete hole that gives the token the appearance of more circulation than is apparent on the rest of the token. This was probably done to invalidate the token, or perhaps to mark it for use at some other business. If the latter were the case, it did not see much use after the marking.

So, as I say, it takes a lot to get me to 100%, but The Bank is nearly there. Let's say 99%.

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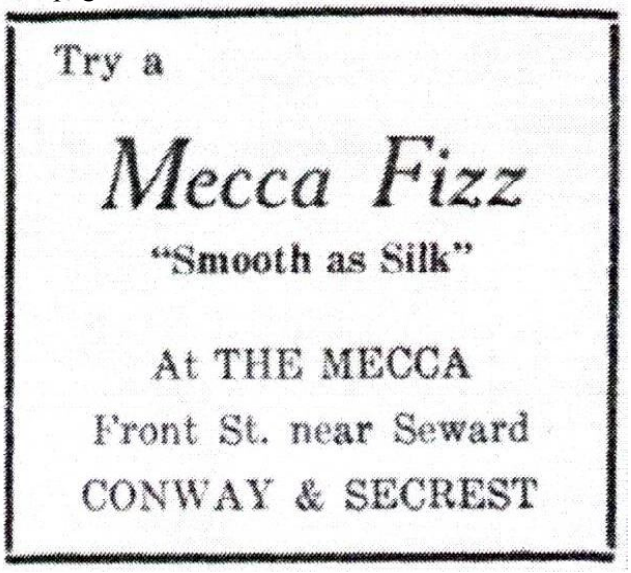
Same reverse die as Alaskan Hotel Bar, B-2aII on the next page.




**Alaska Daily Empire, December 29, 1913.**

# JAMES & JOHN McCLOSKEY

The McCloskey brothers were involved in many businesses in Juneau and Douglas. James arrived in Juneau in 1896. John came later, about 1910.

Benice shows James as the owner of the Northern (saloon) B-28a in Douglas in 1901.

Benice shows the Germania (B-24a) as a saloon, theater and bordello, with an origin date about 1895. John and James are shown in the line of owners. Since John did not arrive in Juneau until about 1910, their ownership would have to be after that date. The style of the token indicates that it was probably issued before the McCloskey's ownership.

The most prominent was the Alaskan Hotel Bar (B-2). Then B-24, "McCloskey's," probably used at any of their various hotels and saloons.

The following from the LoC gives a smattering of interesting trivia.

**Alaska Daily Empire, Juneau, March 12, 1913.**
***FINE NEW HOTEL BUILDING AT ONCE***
*The Juneau Construction Company has finished plans for the splendid new hotel building to be erected by James McCloskey, John McCloskey, Jules B Caro and Charles E. Hooker for P.J. Gemmett on their Franklin street property near Front street.*

*The location is one of the most favorable hotel sites in the city and it has been determined to spare no expense in making of this a first class hotel in every respect.*

*The building is to be 46x95 and will be three stories in height, with a concrete face. There will be two concrete retaining walls and a cement basement extending out under the sidewalk which will be of concrete supported by steel girders.*

*The street floor will provide a lobby, buffet, dining room and kitchen, all of which will be constructed and finished according to modern conception of buildings.*

*The two upper floors will contain 46 rooms, furnished in an up-to-date manner, each room containing both hot and cold running water. Many of the suites will be provided with private baths. Work will start on the building within the next three to four days and will be rushed through to completion within the next sixty days. The building will cost $20,000.*

*It will probably cost Mr. Gemmett another $20,000 to furnish the building and it is his idea to conduct a first class hotel on the premises. Mr. Gemmett has a ten year lease on the building and will call the place Hotel Alaska.*

**Alaska Daily Empire, April 4, 1913.**
***Ancient Boat of Joe Juneau Found***
*It is believed that the remains of the small boat in which Joe Juneau made his first trip to Juneau have been located in the side hill just above high tide on Franklin street near Front. Workmen employed in excavating for the new hotel building for P.J. Gemmette, that is being erected on property by owners John McCloskey, James McCloskey, Chas. Hooker and Jules Caro, uncovered the old boat. It is drawn up high above reach of the tide and has lain there a great many years.*

*Captain T.J. Martin, who is president of Igloo No. 6 Pioneers of Alaska, spied the ancient relic this morning and warned James McCloskey not to remove it until certain historical facts could be authenticated.*

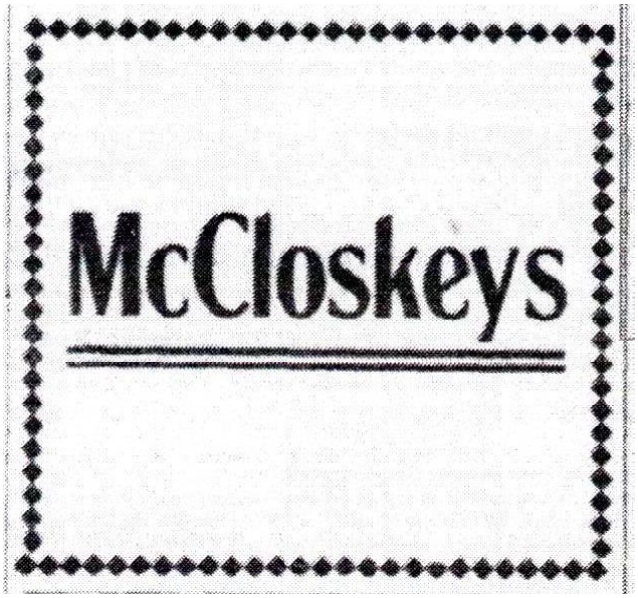
*According to Dave Martin, who is the oldest citizen of Juneau, Joe Juneau landed here in 1879 some time in November. At one time a brewery belonging to Mark Cohen, stood on the site now being excavated for the new hotel, but it did not reach back up the hill where the old boat had been dragged.*

The Alaska State Library gets this newsletter. This is a test to see if anyone on the staff reads this. Was the boat authenticated and is it in the State Museum?

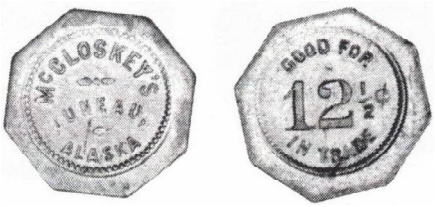
# JAMES & JOHN McCLOSKEY, CONT.

**Daily Alaska Empire, October 19, 1933.**
**(20 years ago)**
**October 19, 1913.**
*John McCloskey arrived from Skagway on the Humboldt in the morning. He and his brother, James McCloskey, had just closed down their work for the season in the Atlin country. He brought back a fine collection of nuggets from the deep gravel mines belonging to himself and his brother, on Spruce Creek. The collection numbered 14 nuggets that ranged in value from $25 to $130 and one worth $800.*

Just using $16 per ounce (a common value for placer gold), the $800 nugget would weigh about 50 troy ounces!




**Alaska Daily Empire, December 29, 1913.**




**Alaska Daily Empire, Juneau, March 7, 1918.**
***MINING DEAL IN NEVADA BY JUNEAU MEN***
***James McCloskey of the Alaskan Hotel Receives Wire That Deal Has Been Turned.***
*McCloskey Brothers of Juneau have just turned a very profitable mining deal in the State of Nevada, according to a wire received by James McCloskey, proprietor of the Alaskan Hotel.*

*John McCloskey, who closed the deal, is at present in Nevada, but will leave in a few days for Juneau, leaving as he says in his wire with "His hands in his pockets and his pockets in his pants."*

*In a recent copy of the News published at Marshfield Oregon, is a column containing a letter written by Eugene McCloskey, his son, is printed in detail. Eugene is with the American troops in France and wrote from there.*

**Alaska Daily Empire, Juneau, March 7, 1922.**
***ALASKAN HOTEL IS LEASED FOR THREE YEARS***
***Charles Miller and Mike Pusich Take Over Business April 1.***
*Charles Miller and Mike Pusich have leased the Alaskan Hotel for three years and will take over the management of the business April 1. This is according to a statement made today by James McCloskey, present manager and part owner of the hotel.*

*Mr. Miller is well known here and for several years has conducted a taxi business. Mike Pusich, brother-in-law to Mr. Miller, has lived in Douglas for a number of years and owns a pool hall there.*

*The Alaskan Hotel is owned by James and John McCloskey, and the J.B. Caro Co., who took it over from P.L. Gemett.*

*The McCloskey brothers have not yet announced their plans for the future.*
**Daily Alaska Empire, September 13, 1934.**
***PIONEER OF JUNEAU DIES IN PORTLAND***
***James McCloskey Aged 69, Long-Time Democrat Passes Away in South***
*James McCloskey, 69, long time resident of Juneau, Chief Jailer at the Federal jail, and very active worker in the Democratic party, died late yesterday at the Coffey clinic in Portland according to radio messages received here this morning from his brother, John McCloskey, who was with him in Portland at the time of his death.*

# JAMES & JOHN McCLOSKEY, CONT.

*Mr. McCloskey was born on a farm near Madison, Wisconsin, and came to Juneau from Butte, Montana, in 1896. He lived here from that time on, with the exception of two years, 1912-13, which he spent in Atlin with his brother on a mining claim.*

*CIVIC ACTIVITIES*

*His civic activities were numerous, and he was highly respected by all with whom he came in contact. He was a member of several early city councils in Juneau, and was Chief of Police here from 1925-26.*

*LIFE MEMBER, ELKS*

*He became a member of Elks lodge No. 420, on November 2, 1898. He was a member of the Eleven O'clock Club. His membership in the Knights of Columbus, Seghers Council No. 1760, dates from 1920, and he was active in the Pioneers of Alaska. He was a trustee of the Pioneers Home at Sitka.*

*He left Juneau three weeks ago to enter the clinic for medical care. Survivors are the widow; two sons, James of Juneau and Gene of Albuquerque, New Mexico; the one brother, John, of Juneau; and two sisters, Mrs. M.J. Torphy, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Mrs. Catherine Lynch, of Sioux City, Iowa.*

*The body will be brought to Juneau for burial.*

John McCloskey
You are invited to present this coupon at the box office of the
Capitol Theatre
and receive tickets for yourself and a friend or relative to see
"Black Sheep"
As a paid-up subscriber of The
Daily Alaska Empire
Good only for current offering
Your Name May Appear Tomorrow
WATCH THIS SPACE

**Daily Alaska Empire, February 5, 1936.**

**Daily Alaska Empire, September 20, 1940.**

***JOHN McCLOSKEY TAKEN BY DEATH HERE YESTERDAY***

***Pioneer Alaska Resident Passes Away at St. Ann's Hospital***

*John McCloskey, 69, former mining man and property owner, passed away late yesterday afternoon at St. Ann's Hospital where he had been a patient for the past several weeks.*

*Born in Madison, Wis., John McCloskey came to Alaska over 30 years ago, first going to the Atlin country with his brother, James, where the two were prosperous in the field of mining. Later he took up his residence in this city and until his death resided at 234 Gold Street, with his daughter, Miss Neli McCloskey.*

*He was affiliated with the Knights of Columbus in Juneau, and was a member of the Elks Lodge here.*

*Besides his daughter, he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. M.J. Torphy of Milwaukee, Wis., and Mrs. Katherine Lynch, of Sioux City, Iowa.*

*The remains are at the Charles W. Carter Mortuary and funeral services will be held at 9 o'clock Monday morning from the Catholic Church of the Nativity.*

Obituaries provide much information that is not available elsewhere and personalizes the subjects of the articles.

**Alaska Daily Empire, December 29, 1913.**
**"Next to Elks Hall"**

# DANCE HALLS, GAMBLING AND PROSTITUTION IN DAWSON

From Gamblers and Dreamers by Charlene Porsild, UBC Press, 1998.

*Although gambling was strictly prohibited (and thus relegated to the "back room" of cigar stores and saloons), the Mounties remained lenient regarding the operation of dance halls. Until at least 1907, people still complained bout the operation of the music halls and the dancing associated with them. The Orpheum Music Hall and the M&N Saloon, for example, were attached to each other and the female employees had private rooms that were also attached. Here, drinking, dancing and prostitution continued, monitored but undisturbed in the usual manner.*

*The new commissioner of the Yukon received instructions in no uncertain terms: 'Use all the authority vested in you to secure such amendment to the liquor licence ordinance of the Yukon Territory and such other ordinances as bear upon the subject to prevent the serving of liquor in any place of public entertainment or otherwise than over the bar according to ordinary customs...and to secure the prohibition of serving liquor or the attendances in the ordering of liquor by women.*

*When asked to investigate, the NWMP reported that the men they spoke to generally acknowledged that prostitution was still being carried on in the dance halls. They found about twenty women employed in each of the two remaining dance halls...The community itself, however, did not seem overly concerned about the situation. A new petition, signed by about forty merchants and other local business people protested that the dance halls were operating under the provisions of the liquor ordinance, and posed 'no harmful influence upon any portions of the community.' Legal, extra-legal, or otherwise, the community had little objection.*

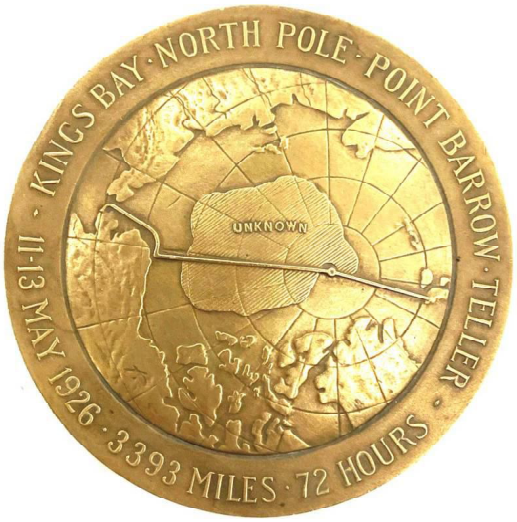
*Local protestations to the contrary, the federal government wanted the issue resolved once and for all, and they ordered local authorities to revoke the liquor licences from the dance halls for the very last time. By December 1907, strict enforcement of the liquor ordinance had forced the M&N Saloon out of business, and the Flora Dora was conducting a much diminished trade, employing about fifteen women without a liquor licence...*

*With the closure of he dance halls and the rigorous monitoring of the liquor ordinances, the few people who remained employed in the sex and entertainment trades were forced to keep a low profile. If this profile was maintained, however, the NWMP turned a blind eye once more. As the superintendent of police informed the commissioner, there were still some women in town who, 'under the guise of dress-makers and keepers of cigar stores are said to be carrying on prostitution, but they are quiet, make no display on the streets, and except by reputation no one knows to what class they belong.'*

Orpheum Concert Hall, center.
Post card by Landahl's Emporium

# FLIGHT OVER THE POLE

One of the most attractive medals I have seen recently appeared on eBay, prompting me to check the LoC. The "Norge" flew from Spitzbergen over the Pole to Teller, Alaska.




The medal is bronze, about 2.75 inches in diameter and was made by Tiffany!
Obverse: "First Crossing of the Polar Sea, Under Leadership of Roald Amundsen and Lincoln Ellsworth." In center, the Norge and "New York Times," and seals of the American Scientific and Historical Preservation Society and the American Museum of Natural History.
Reverse: Kings Bay - "North Pole - Point Barrow - Teller / 1926 - 3393 Miles - 72 Hours." In the center, map of the route from Kings Bay across the North Pole to Teller, Alaska.

**Nome Nugget, May 8, 1926.**
***NORGE EXPECTS MAKE NOME 67 HOURS***
*Oslo, May 7-8 (AP) -- Messages from Spitzbergen said the dirigible Norge arrived at Kings Bay just in time to escape a snow storm. The flight from Vadso to Kings Bay took 16 hours. The Norge is being refitted with hydrogen and polar equipment is being installed. An attempt will be made to fly into the Arctic within a few days if conditions permit, the explorers hope to make the flight from Spitzbergen to Alaska in 67 hours.*

*The Norge was formerly the Italian ship N-1, she is three hundred and forty-eight feet long, has a maximum height of thirty-five feet with maximum width of sixty four feet, has a gas capacity of six hundred and seventy-two thousand cubic feet, a maximum speed of 62 miles per hour. The dirigible has a useful cargo capacity of eight tons and is propelled by three 256 horsepower engines.*

**Nome Nugget, May 15, 1926.**
***NORGE ARRIVED AT TELLER SAFELY***
***NOT KNOWN WHETHER NORGE DISMANTLE AT TELLER.*** *(this is an accurate rendition of the headline as is the headline of May 8 above).*

Alaska natives at Teller viewing Norge.

**Seward Daily Gateway, May 19, 1926.**
**NORGE VIRTUALLY WRECKED IN LANDING ACCORDING TO FLYER**
*Fairbanks, May 18. (AP) -- Pilot Crosson of the Pathe plane said there was over a ton of ice on the dirigible Norge when she landed, and over 100 pounds of ice on the antenna of the wireless outfit. Hufford said the*

# THE "NORGE," CONT.

*Norge was blown from 300 to 400 feet after they started deflation, with men hanging on ropes.*

*Six to eight feet of snow was on the beach but the airplanes landed on the ice off the port which was soft and rugged. Pilot Bennett who returned last night with the Norge pictures for the International Newsreel said the Norge was a virtually wrecked in landing. Members of the Norge crew told him they didn't know their location when they reached Port Clarence and had been lost for some time. When the Norge entered Teller bay over which a funnel formation of wind formed a vortex, caught the dirigible Norge which began drifting toward the mountains. Gas was released and the men slid down the ropes to hold her to the ground. A heavy gust of wind stuck the Norge just as she settled, which resulted in a partial wreckage. The radio failed to work until some time after the Norge was on the ground.*

**Nome Nugget, May 22, 1926.**
***NOME FAIRBANKS AIRPLANE SERVICE PROVEN FEASIBLE***
*With the arrival of two airplanes at Nome last Sunday from Fairbanks, Nomeites were given a thrill that they will remember all the rest of their lives. The planes were sent by two rival moving picture corporations at a cost of $3,000 each, and demonstrated to the satisfaction of everyone how easy it was to get in quick communication with Fairbanks, a distance of 700 miles. One of the planes made the trip in 6 hours and 20 minutes running time to Nome, which beat the record formerly held by another plane last year which made the trip in 7 hour flat.*

*The planes were sent here with instructions to proceed to Teller and obtain moving pictures of the Norge which was at that time being dismantled. The first plane to arrive was Fairbanks No. 1 with Joseph Crosson and Mr. Hufford as aviators under contract to the Pathe News and New York Times.*

***MUSSOLINI PRAISE NORGE FLIGHT***
*Mussolini and Tomason Tittoni, president of the Senate, praised the Norge flight. In an address before the Senate Mussolini said: "Only superior men could accomplish the flight to the North Pole by airship. To them goes my fervent thanks." Tittoni characterized the feat as a great aviation victory for the United States, Norway and Italy.*

# EVOLUTION OF KITO'S KAVE - PETERSBURG

From "A Guide to the Notorious Bars of Alaska" by Doug Vandergraft, 2014.

*Kito's Kave can trace its roots back to the Dory Bar, which opened in 1910 in the old* ***Hadland*** *building.*

*The Dory became a café during prohibition, a saloon again in 1934 known as OK's Place, then the Petersburg Bar in 1944. Richard "Dick" Kito bought the bar in 1965, renamed it Kito's Kave, and then moved it to*

*its current location in 1972. The building it occupies was once Sing Lee's general store.*

For the full story on Sing Lee's Murder, see the October 2023 issue

# TOKENS FROM THIS ISSUE

## JUNEAU

Alaskan Hotel Bar, 6¼¢, B-2aII **30.00**

Alaskan Hotel Bar, 12½¢, B-2b **40.00**

Elks Club, 12½¢, B-19bI **35.00**

Alaska Elks Mother Lodge 420, 1898-1968, bronze, xxmm **8.00**

Mecca, 6¼¢, B-50b **150.00**

## PETERSBURG

OK's Place, 10¢, B-7b **xx.xx**

## TELLER

Teller Commercial Company, set of 4, 5¢ to $1. As described on page 126. 5¢ to 50¢ are AU-BU, the $1 is worn and/or damaged. The best of the $1 tokens go into these sets.

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| Set of 4 | **30.00** |
| AU/BU 5¢ | **5.00** |
| AU/BU 25¢ | **10.00** |
| AU/BU 50¢ | **10.00** |
| Worn 50¢ | **5.00** |
| Worn, damaged $1 | **5.00** |

# OTHER JUNEAU TOKENS

Burford's Corner, 50¢, B-12c **50.00**
Tom George set of 2, 50¢ & $1, B-23 a+b **10.00**
Imperial Cigar Store, 6¼¢, B-29a **20.00**

Imperial Cigar Store, 12½¢, B-29b **40.00**
Imperial Pool Parlor, 5¢, B-30a **5.00**

AH King, 10¢, B-42b, rough **125.00**
AH King, 50¢, B-42c **10.00**

Mayflower, 12½¢, B-49a **350.00**
New York Exchange, 6¼¢, B-53bI **20.00**
New York Exchange, 6¼¢, B-53bIII **20.00**

New York Exchange, 10¢, B-53cI **20.00**
Nugget, 12½¢, B-54b **10.00**

Occidental Bar, 12½¢, B-55a **70.00**

Occidental Hotel, 12½¢, B-56b **100.00**

Occidental Hotel, 12½¢, B-56c **90.00**

"S" (in diamond) 6¼¢, B-64a **125.00**

Snake Pit Downs, 25¢, B-66b **275.00**

Toney's Comet, 12½¢, B-69a **100.00**

Tony's Place, 12¢, B-70a **100.00**

**MOST OF THE BETTER TOKENS ARE ONE ONLY IN STOCK. WE WILL SHIP ON APPROVAL AND YOU CAN PAY UPON RECEIPT, ADDING POSTAGE TO YOUR INVOICE.**

# UNCOMMON ONE OUNCE SILVER - $60 each

Silver's dramatic climb in price is bringing some stuff out of the woodwork (where did that saying come from?) Here are some one ounce silver medals that we rarely see. Offered for sale with commentary!

Millennium 2000 by Evergreen Mint subsidiary of Oxford Assaying & Refining. One of many celebrating the turn of the century, a year too early!

But wait, there's more! An Evergreen Mint "Millennium 2000" with an Oxford reverse.

And a "New Millennium 2000" for AlaskaUSA Federal Credit Union., now Global Federal Credit Union. After the name change, another local bank ran an ad "We're not Global, we're local!"

Finally, (bottom of left column) another "Millennium 2000" from Evergreen Mint. They were trying to compete with Alaska Mint. I wonder if a pompous ass from Oxford threatened to put Alaska Mint out of business like they did to us years ago! Gold relief on the globe but it looks like brass. Perhaps the gold was too thin, allowing the silver below to show through.

Alaska State Trapshooters Association by Evergreen Mint. Another attempt at gold relief. This one is better, but for the silver butt on the Dall ram!

Alpine 2000/Phillips 66 Alaska. Gold relief both sides, by the Evergreen Mint. Nicely done (give credit where credit is due).

Anchorage , Alaska, by Evergreen Mint. Not so nicely done.

**ALL OF THESE ARE 1 ONLY IN STOCK.**

# MORE ONE OUNCE SILVER - $60 each

Gold Panner medal from the "Anchorage" Mint, 1991. Anchorage Mint is the name Alaska Mint used before they acquired the rights to the Alaska Mint name.

And before there was Anchorage Mint, there was Michael's Coins and Bullion!

Three Bears with gold relief, by Alaska Mint. Only missing Goldilocks! The Alaska Mint makes so much stuff. This was still using the Alaska State Seal, before the state told them they could only use it on the official state medals. We don't know when they switched to the "Land of the Midnight Sun" reverse.

Eagle's head 2011 with gold relief, by Alaska Mint. Well, they are using the LOMS reverse in 2011.

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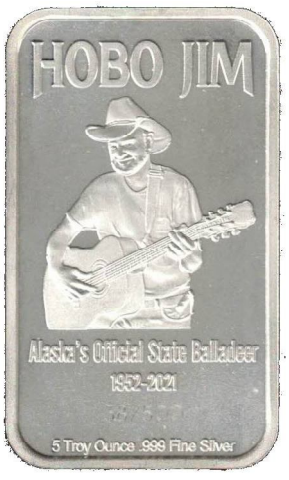
Caribou with gold relief by Alaska Mint.

1997 Holiday Spirit Mask, Alaska Mint.

Klondike Gold Rush Centennial, 1898-1998 with gold relief, by Alaska Mint



**Hobo Jim 5 oz. silver bar.** Alasks's Official Sate Balladeer, 1952 - 2021, "Snowbird." The serial number is laser etched, 2 available **295.00**